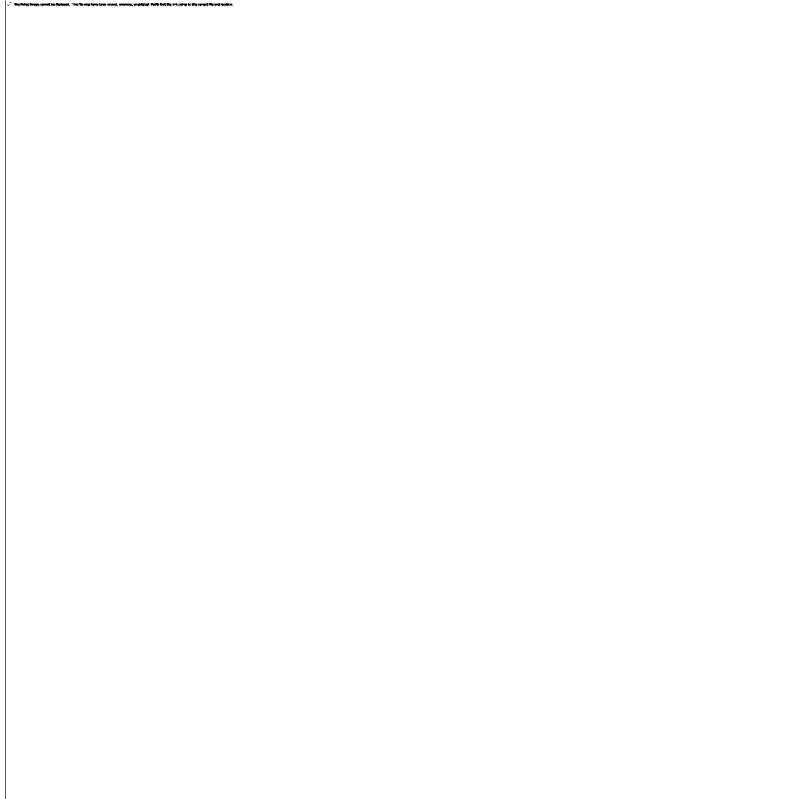
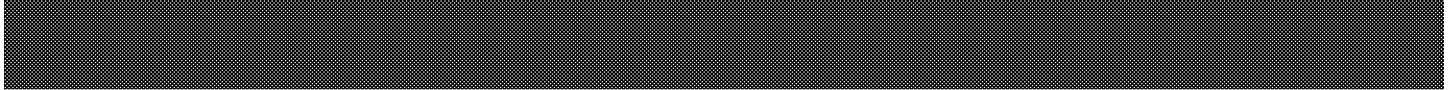


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Subject: Morning Consult Energy: Trump to Miss Climate Session at G7 Summit in Early Departure



By Jacqueline Toth

Top Stories

- President Donald Trump will not attend the climate change and environment sessions of the Group of 7 summit in Canada, the White House said in a statement that followed several critical tweets between Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that illustrated the friction between the United States and some of its allies. The White House said that Trump will leave the summit mid-morning

on Saturday and that an aide will take Trump's place at the sessions. ([CNN](#))

- Energy Department employees are worried that the agency is not giving sufficient oversight to its own spending, sources said, as it has received increased appropriations beyond what the Trump administration requested while a lag in appropriations from Congress means it has to spend most of the full-year funding in six months. The agency has issued over \$300 million for energy-related projects since mid-April, a level of spending that could lead Congress to complain the department is "spending unwisely, when it forced the agency to do that," said Stan Collender, a public policy professor at Georgetown University. ([E&E News](#))
- In its review of 10 chemicals that is required under a 2016 update to the federal chemicals law, the Environmental Protection Agency excluded the potential impacts of exposure to the chemicals' presence in water, in the air or on the ground, according to internal documents the agency released last week, focusing instead on the effects of direct exposure to the substances. The chemical industry has pushed for this more narrow review approach, and EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the agency can better protect people and the environment by focusing on exposure "likely to represent the greatest areas of concern to EPA." ([The New York Times](#))
- The EPA is seeking changes to the cost-benefit analysis it performs for its regulations, proposing an end to counting the benefits to rulemakings that reduce more than one kind of pollution. The agency noted that it received comments from multiple industry groups in 2017 requesting this type of analytical change. ([InsideClimate News](#))
- Iran's Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Governor Hossein Kazempour Ardebili criticized the reported request from the United States to Saudi Arabia that it boost its oil production to cover the declines expected in Iranian oil exports following the U.S. reimposition of sanctions on Iran. He predicted that OPEC would not "act against two of its founder members" and that oil prices would rise in response to U.S. sanctions on Iran and Venezuela. ([Reuters](#))

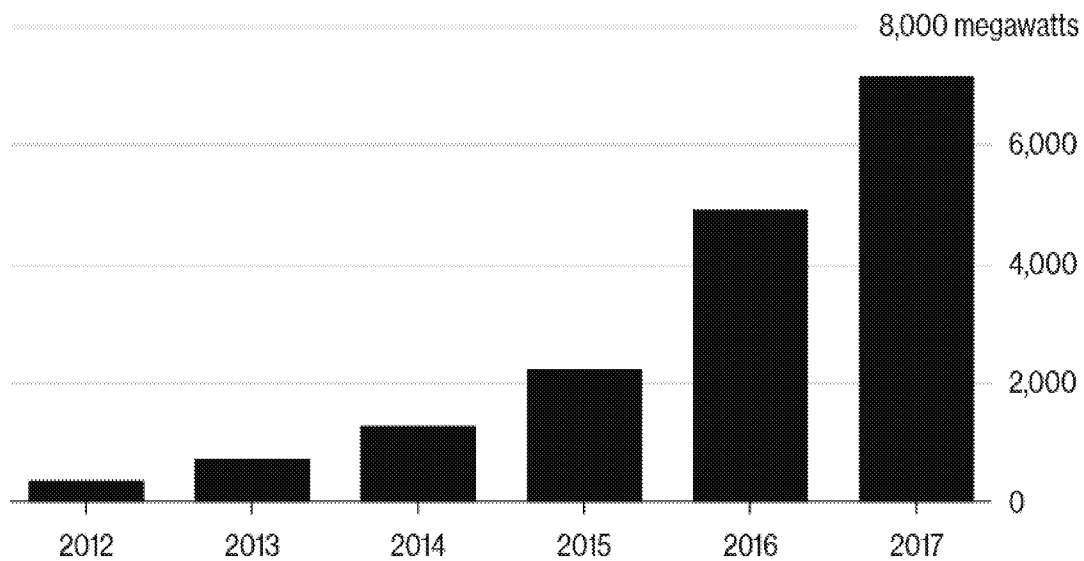
Chart Review

Trump's Love for Coal and Republicans Who Want More Solar **Bloomberg**

Here Comes the Sun

Once solar's smallest U.S. market, the Southeast is now booming

■ Cumulative installations



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

FRIDAY

Exchange Monitor event on nuclear decommissioning	7 a.m.
New Energy Update conference on U.S. offshore wind	8:30 a.m.
Symposium on the effects of climate change on oceans	8:30 a.m.

United States Energy Association briefing with Kenyan Energy Minister Charles Keter	9 a.m.
Environmental and Energy Study Institute event on the state of Germany's energy transition	12 p.m.
United States Association for Energy Economics talk on renewable energy entrepreneurship	12 p.m.



Introducing: The Midterm Wave Watcher

A new interactive feature showcasing a range of survey research insights related to the 2018 midterm elections.

General

Trump to skip climate portion of G7 after Twitter spat with Macron and Trudeau

Kevin Liptak et al., CNN

President Donald Trump plans to depart from this weekend's Group of 7 summit in Canada several hours early, the White House announced Thursday, punctuating an explosion of acrimony between Trump and his foreign counterparts on the eve of the talks.

'It's a mess': Employees fret over spending spree

Christa Marshall, E&E News

The Department of Energy has been on a spending spree, making employees worry their agency is "cutting corners" by moving so much cash so quickly.

Toyota offered Pruitt private test drive of new Lexus model, emails show

Lucien Bruggeman, ABC News

Toyota's top brass offered embattled Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt a private test drive in one of Lexus' latest models late last year, and although it's not clear if there was ever a test drive, it's a potentially problematic pitch to the head of a regulatory body from a company subject to its regulation.

Scott Pruitt Made Public Servants Fetch His Protein Bars and Greek Yogurt

Lachlan Markay and Asawin Suebsaeng, The Daily Beast

If you've worked for Scott Pruitt, there's a not-insignificant chance that you have fetched him his favorite junk-and health!-food while on the job.

The Chemical Industry Scores a Big Win at the E.P.A.

Eric Lipton, The New York Times

The Trump administration, after heavy lobbying by the chemical industry, is scaling back the way the federal government determines health and safety risks associated with the most dangerous chemicals on the market, documents from the Environmental Protection Agency show.

More than 100 bipartisan lawmakers urge Pruitt to scrap 'secret science' rule

Miranda Green, The Hill

Bipartisan members of the House are calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw a recently proposed rule aiming to increase transparency that some fear will limit science used in the regulation process.

Ex-Volkswagen CEO summoned to testify in emissions lawsuit: Bild

Ilona Wissenbach et al., Reuters

Former Volkswagen Chief Executive Martin Winterkorn has been asked to testify before a German court in connection with a lawsuit seeking damages from the carmaker over its emissions cheating scandal, a German paper reported on Thursday.

Pruitt Starts Rewriting How EPA Weighs Costs, Benefits of Regulation

John H. Cushman Jr., InsideClimate News

The Environmental Protection Agency took its first step on Thursday toward a comprehensive overhaul of the cost-benefit calculations that underpin the entire array of its regulations, notably any actions to rein in global warming.

Oil Prices Cool After Recent Rally

Sarah McFarlane, The Wall Street Journal

Oil prices edged lower Friday, giving up some of the ground made in a recent rally spurred by supply concerns in Venezuela and Iran.

Oil and Natural Gas

Iran slams U.S. for seeking Saudi oil output hike, says OPEC won't comply

Alex Lawler, Reuters

Iran criticized a U.S. request that Saudi Arabia pump more oil to cover a drop in Iranian exports and predicted OPEC would not heed the appeal, setting the stage for a tough meeting of the producer group later this month.

Oil Boom Bottleneck Costs Permian Investors \$1 Billion a Day

David Wethe et al., Bloomberg

More than \$1 billion a day. That's how much value a Permian Basin pipeline crunch wiped out from the explorers most focused on the booming U.S. shale region in two weeks.

Exxon to Show Its Green Side in Meeting with Pope Francis
Bradley Olson, The Wall Street Journal

Exxon Mobil Corp. the oil giant, long derided by environmentalists, is trying to give itself a green facelift.

Trump requested Saudi oil support before Iran nuclear decision - sources
Rania El Gamal et al., Reuters

A day before U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal, one of his senior officials phoned Saudi Arabia to ask the world's largest oil exporter to help keep prices stable if the decision disrupted supply.

Canada pushes oil pipeline, looks to gain Chinese market and end US as sole buyer for its oil
Patti Domm, CNBC

By building the Trans Mountain expansion, Canada will be able to sell oil outside North America, bringing in higher prices for its oil.

Appalachian natural gas market reacts to explosion, force majeure
John McManus et al., Platts

An explosion early Thursday morning in Marshall County, West Virginia, on TransCanada's Columbia Gas Transmission system caused a force majeure on the pipeline's Leach XPress and put prices in the region on a roller-coaster.

Trump, Backing Coal and Nuclear, Shuns Natural Gas
Alex Neuhauser, U.S. News & World Report

President Donald Trump catapulted to office with the support of the natural gas industry and pledged to introduce an era of U.S. "energy dominance" led by gas and coal. But since taking office, Trump has repeatedly taken steps that promise to crimp the industry he once showered with praise and drive up costs for taxpayers he had promised to help.

Construction planned to prepare Alaska's Arctic refuge for oil drilling

Yereth Rosen, Reuters

The Trump administration said on Thursday it would spend \$4 million on construction projects in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in preparation for oil drilling in the nation's biggest wildlife park.

Oil demand set to peak around 2030 as more cars go electric: Equinor

Robert Perkins, Platts

Global oil demand will peak around 2030 at 111 million b/d as a sharp rise in electric vehicles and energy efficiency gains offset growing demand from the aviation and petrochemical sectors, Norwegian producer Equinor said in its long-term energy outlook.

Utilities and Infrastructure

The energy sector is driving job growth, but not where you think

Robert Walton, Utility Dive

Energy efficiency and utility investments in grid modernization are growing sector employment.

Renewables

Tesla Model X in California Crash Sped Up Prior to Impact

Alan Levin and Ryan Beene, Bloomberg

The Tesla Inc. Model X that crashed in California earlier this year while being guided by its semi-autonomous driving system sped up to 71 miles an hour in the seconds before the vehicle slammed into a highway barrier, investigators said Thursday.

2 Western senators want to repeal Trump's solar tariffs

Susan Montoya Bryan, The Associated Press

Republican Dean Heller of Nevada and Democrat Martin Heinrich of New Mexico introduced a measure that calls for duties and tariffs for

solar cells to revert to previous rates and to allow for companies affected by the tariffs hike to seek reimbursements.

Coal

Bluestone Coal to reopen met mine as export, domestic demand boom

Bob Matyi, Platts

Fueled by strong export and domestic demand for metallurgical coal, Bluestone Coal is reopening an underground mine in West Virginia in July and hiring 250 employees for all of its met coal operations in the state, CEO Jay Justice said Thursday.

Nuclear

Micro-Reactors Get Potential Boost in Defense Authorization Bill Provision

Jacqueline Toth, Morning Consult

A provision tucked into the House's annual National Defense Authorization Act that could eventually pave the way for smaller-sized nuclear reactors to be deployed at one or more sites operated by federal agencies sends a signal of support and opportunity in the burgeoning field, developers and industry observers say.

Hanford contractor settles accusations of using front companies

Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald

Washington Closure Hanford has reached a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice in a lawsuit involving millions of dollars worth of small-business subcontracts.

Judge's ruling keeps over-budget nuclear project from being shut down

Sammy Fretwell, The State

A judge on Thursday stopped the federal government from suspending construction of a nuclear fuel factory at the Savannah River Site atomic weapons complex near Aiken.

Climate

Truck Emissions Study Aimed at EPA Limits All Along, Records Show

Abby Smith, Bloomberg

Newly released records show university researchers coordinated closely with the company funding a study that found trucks with rebuilt engines were as clean as new trucks, an argument the company used to persuade the EPA to lift emissions limits on its products.

CO2 trading group IETA warns on carbon floor price risk

Frank Watson, Platts

Global carbon market industry group, the International Emissions Trading Association, on Wednesday warned that the introduction of carbon floor prices by European countries risks distorting the market with no environmental benefits.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Nuclear Energy: A Path Forward for Environmental Advocates

Carol M. Browner, Morning Consult

As a former Environmental Protection Agency administrator and director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy, I have long championed accountability and stewardship for the planet - a sense of ownership over the role we play in the fate of our world.

The nuclear industry is making a big bet on small power plants

Scott L. Montgomery, The Conversation

Until now, generating nuclear power has required massive facilities surrounded by acres of buildings, electrical infrastructure, roads, parking lots and more. The nuclear industry is trying to change that picture - by going small.

Research Reports

Political, Social, and Environmental Shareholder Resolutions: Do They Create or Destroy Shareholder Value?

Joseph P. Kalt et al., Compass Lexecon LLC

The increased use of politically-charged shareholder resolutions has garnered considerable attention in recent years, as shareholder meetings have become venues for discussion and debate regarding corporate positions and actions on issues of the day



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